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Hampton Conservation Commission

The November 23rd meeting was held with all members in attendance, Judy Doyle with us as a representative of the planning board.

The secretary's minutes and the treasurer's report were voted to be accepted as read. Neil noted a balance of \$1,233.81, having just received our check of \$83.34 from the town treasurer. Peter moved, Ellen seconded, that our dues to the State Commission of \$180 be paid, the vote was unanimous.

Old business: It was suggested that the secretary go to the Exeter Monument company in Exeter and get specific information on the name plates for the donors of marsh land, to be placed on the memorial near Tide Mill bridge.

Peter made a few comments of his attendance at the annual meeting of the State Conservation Comm. meeting. Dams and prime wetlands were discussed, and maps of the latter were desired. This should be voted on at the coming town meeting, results sent to Concord. Peter feels a bit optimistic that money may be made available so that Frank Richardson may start his salt marsh survey. The planning board has an aerial map of the town. Peter attended a hearing for the state coastal program. Because the Senate did not vote for coastal zone management, there is no money available. The Federal Gov. will hold a meeting here in February.

Irene volunteered to assist Ellen in indexing the books on conservation and related subjects. Loren offered a book from his class, "Edible Seaweeds". Neil brought the book "Freshwater Wetland"

that we had voted to purchase, and the members will read it before it is placed in the library.

Irene spoke of the large piles of sand at the road side location of the Stonie cottage. Loren made the motion that the Chairman contact the Building Inspector, and let him know of our concern; namely, is the sewer system performing in any way detrimental to the marsh. Ruth seconded, the vote was unanimous. Irene brought the six maps that she had obtained from Edith Holland, of the 12 shares of Hampton. After looking at them, and discussion, it was decided that Peter would find out who owned the different areas, and speak to them about their making a gift of a portion of their land for a conservation easement. We would have to get approval from the Selectmen. Peter stressed that the property owners' wishes would govern what was done with the property. There would be specific agreements regarding wetlands. Of the desirable results, ^{there} would be Federal income tax deductions, and a lowered tax.

Judy mentioned the date of Dec. 2nd as the next planning board meeting. The Reef Motel is first on the agenda, and either Loren or Peter plan to attend.

Nelson made a few remarks concerning the meeting with the Sunset committee. Specific questions were raised, relative to the date of our organization, the amended vote of seven making up this commission, and the fact that we were unanimously voted into being.

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Ruth noted that we do not generally meet in the month of December, so it was decided that our next meeting would be held on January 25, 1982, at seven thirty. Ellen made the motion that we meet in the assessor's office, Ruth seconded, and it was so voted.

From this meeting to our Jan. 25th meeting, Peter will be alternate chairman. Nelson will so instruct Jane Kelley.

The meeting was adjourned at nine forty five.

Submitted by
Ruth M. Nutter
Secretary.